

## House Resolution No. 464

**Whereas**, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri citizen who has distinguished himself as a leader of his community; and

**Whereas**, John Brooks, an esteemed resident of Marshfield, Missouri, has been named Business Person of the Year; and

**Whereas**, a Marshfield native, John Brooks owned and operated Brooks Sod Farm, Inc. in Polk County until 2000, at which time he returned to Marshfield to help his mother and brother with the operation of Brooks Gas Company, which was founded more than fifty years ago by his father and grandfather, John William and Bill Brooks; and

**Whereas**, John Brooks graduated from Marshfield High School in 1969 and Drury University in Springfield in 1973, following which he found employment opportunities at Roadway and purchased his farm in 1976; and

**Whereas**, John Brooks has compiled an enviable list of service to the Marshfield community through the important leadership positions he has held with the Marshfield Lions Club, United Methodist Church, Central States Archaeology Society, Missouri Propane Gas Association, and Kappa Alpha Fraternity; and

**Whereas**, and avid hunter and fisherman whose other interests include U.S. Civil War history and prehistoric American Indian artifacts, John Brooks has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include his devoted wife, Vickie; his two children, Amanda and William; and his parents, Ruth Brooks and the late Bill Brooks:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty and robust congratulations to John Brooks at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Business Person of the Year, John Brooks.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Michael L. Cunningham  
District No. 145

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 464, adopted February 10, 2005.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker